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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:

**GARY STEPHEN SHUSTER** 

Serial No.: 09/837,719

Filed:

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Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR

TRANSACTING WITH NETWORK TRAFFIC

Art Unit: 3627

Examiner: Andrew J. Fischer

## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In the Office Action dated October 21, 2003, the Examiner has required restriction of the application to one of the following groups of inventions pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121: (a) Group I, including Claims 1 and 13, drawn to a method of transacting; and (b) Group II, including Claims 14-18, drawn to a system. In response, Applicant elects without traverse Group 1. An examination on the merits of the elected claims is respectfully requested.

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To the extent necessary, Applicant petitions the Commissioner for a one-month extension of time, extending to December 21, 2003, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 21, 2003. Our check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed for the one-month extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account No. 50-0639.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 26, 2003

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